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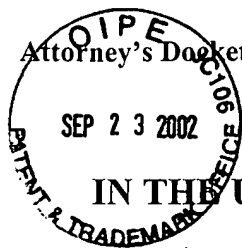
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the filing of this application on December 4, 2000.

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The Appeal Brief was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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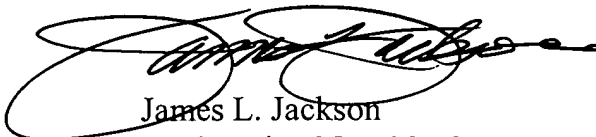
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